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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Wells Rural Electric Company

Project No. 848-034

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE LICENSE APPLICATION, FILING OF PRE-APPLICATION DOCUMENT, AND APPROVING USE OF THE TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 848-034
- c. Date Filed: February 6, 2014
- d. Submitted By: Wells Rural Electric Company
- e. Name of Project: Trout Creek Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On Trout Creek, near the Town of Wells in Elko County, Nevada. The project occupies 0.5 acres of United States lands administered by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Lonnie Abbott, Wells Rural Electric Company, P.O. Box 365, Wells, Nevada 89835; (775) 752-3328 extension 1516; e-mail – labbott@wrec.coop.
- i. FERC Contact: Joseph Hassell at (202) 502-8079; or e-mail at joseph.hassell@ferc.gov.
- j. Wells Rural Electric Company filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on February 6, 2014. Wells Rural Electric Company provided public notice of its request on February 24, 2014. In a letter dated May 21, 2014 the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Wells Rural Electric Company's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.
- l. Wells Rural Electric Company filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.
- n. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No.848-034. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by December 31, 2016.
- o. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: May 21, 2014

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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